



The Week in Society

The training school, conducted in connection with the Institute, closed its session last Thursday evening. The "Fairies Tribunal" cantata was rendered by the children.

Mr. R. L. Baltimore, an expert stenographer and typewriter for a large local corporation has returned from an extended business trip South.

Mr. J. W. Lee, of 2722 N Street, West Washington is kept very busy filling the large number of orders for fine flowers which he is now receiving.

The Georgetown Patriarch No. 42 is preparing to attend the Patriarchal Reunion and competitive drill at Pittsburgh, Penn., in August next. Capt. C. C. Beckett, declares that the prize, \$50 in gold will come to Washington when his command returns.

Rev. W. J. Howard, pastor of Zion Baptist Church spent several days this week in Richmond Va. attending the Commencement exercises of the Theological Department of Wayland College.

The commencement exercises will be held in the Institute Chapel beginning Sunday May 26, "and continued to May 30." Rev. W. W. Landrum, Pastor First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga. preached the commencement sermon.

During the summer there will be an unusual amount of building going on upon the grounds. There is a good opportunity for students to work their way through school next term. At present work, on the New Carnegie Library, the New Horse barn and new Hospital, buildings are being pushed.

One of the most pleasant social affairs of the week was the surprise rendered Miss Hattie Hamer by her classmates of Howard University and friends at her residence 519 2d street southwest. The affair was a delightful one. For two hours, joy and good cheer reigned supreme in the pretty parlor, where the guests were assembled. At 11:30 o'clock the invited guests with Miss Hamer marched into a pretty dining room to a table laden with delicious refreshments of various kinds. The party, after satisfying their appetites returned to the parlor and after spending some moments in dancing, took their leave for homes.

The party was composed of the following: Misses Lizzie and Florence Johnson, Mary E. Marshall, Mary Bowles, Edith Middleton, Anna Taylor, and Nellie Herbert. Messrs. Bough, Augustus Hines, John Lee, Shaw, Fox, T. Smith, Boyd, Smoot, W. Payne.

North, East and West.

Outbursting oratory, effulgent with the fire of national patriotism, neither nihilistic nor socialistic, but supported by a supreme effluence of coolness, was the principal characteristic of the speakers, who made ever famous the summer tended Hon. John P. Green of Ohio, at Gray's Dining Hall, M Street between 15 and 17 Streets, Saturday evening last.

Altho Southern prestige was absolutely ignored the elimination was not prejudicial. The affair was non-political and the certain right previously claimed was re-vealed.

Little before nine o'clock, the club, limited at present to sixty, retired to the collation room, where enticing viands were sacrificed almost beyond discretion. The following Menu was served:

Tomato Soup Soft Shell Crabs
Spring Chicken
New Potatoes with Parsley Sauce
Lettuce with Tomato Salad
Romain Punch
Coffee Cigars.

After this Dr. Hamilton Smith arose and announced the first speaker, Mr. Chas. H. Douglass responded to the toast "The Negro as a Soldier." Mr. Douglass briefly outlined what the Negro had accomplished as a soldier and admonished every young man to join the army as a protectorate against the enemies, where race caste was crushing his ambition. "The Negro as a Citizen" fell to the lot of Mr. W. L. Board, a polished young orator from Ohio. Time and again the walls were resonant with applause. Professor Eugene Gregory's masterly effort "The Negro as an Educator" convinced his hearers that the situation was entirely different from what Governor Candler of Georgia had pictured it a few weeks ago. To show what the American Negro had done in the Navy, Mr. John Paynter responded and found no difficulty in pointing out the Negro was as brave as water as a soldier. Mr. Paul Lawrence Dunbar was hastily called from the city and could not respond to the toast "The Negro in Literature." The last speaker in announcing the next speaker said that the speaker already needed any introduction. Mr. Robert Pelham, Jr. then responded to the toast "The Material Interests of the Negro North." Mr. Pelham's social nature was hailed with much delight and gave a change to the monotonous draught slightly discernible in George H. Richardson, who sat at the honor's potentate was the named mentioned and his scholarly attainments well fitted him for

his assignment "Our Honored Guest." His tribute to the character and life of the distinguished statesman could scarcely be outclassed with anything of its kind. A death like silence pervaded the room only when disturbed by applause for some brilliant climax reached. Hon. John P. Green, who responded to the last toast "Our President" dwelt chiefly upon the regime of Mr. McKinley's administration and averred that the Negro had no stunner friend anywhere. To prove the fact, extracts were quoted from recent addresses the President made to colored audiences during his tour South. Of course Mr. Green felt deeply the momentum of the hour and lost no time in returning thanks, stating his inability to give a fitting appreciation. A permanent organization was then perfected, officers elected and committees appointed in order that the club might get on a working basis, as soon as possible.

Some of those present were: Ex-Senator John P. Green, Major Chas. R. Douglass, Lewis H. Douglass, Charles H. Wilson, Sr., Eugene H. Gregory, U. S. Bassett, Dr. Geo. H. Richardson, Paul Bray, Robt. Pelham, R. W. Thompson, W. L. Board, John Paynter, Dr. Hamilton Smith, Rev. Johnson, Dr. Scott, Theodore Green, H. Eugene Wilson, Pettiford, Hughes, Gordon, Napier, Cuney and Williamson.

EARL.

Did she go or was she lead astray?

Colored Society of Frederick, Md.—Has a Session.

Social to the Bee.

Frederick City, Md., May 22.

Miss Brighton a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evans L. Brighton, left her home last week for Washington City and the report is that she was married to Mr. Snowden Key of that city whom she met last 4th. of March while she was on a visit to that city. The colored society of this place is wild with excitement as Miss Brighton was the belle of the colored society of this place and a very pretty young lady. Mr. and Mrs. Brighton are two of the best known citizens of Frederick City and they have a very interesting family. The youngest and eldest daughters are still with them. They are also two sweet young ladies.

Miss Walker of Philadelphia, Pa. was in the city this week as the guest of the Misses Annie and Birtna Howard.

Miss Mary Martin is one of the best sixth grade teachers in the city.

The graduating exercises of the Howard University Law department last Monday night at the Congregational church were very interesting.

Miss Eva Webb, who came to attend the funeral of her brother. Dr. Webb, is still in the city.

Mrs. Arnold of Q st. was very much indisposed last week.

THE NEW COUNCIL.

The Colored Member Received an Ovation Watty on Top.

BALTIMORE, MD., May 24—Baltimore's first of the twentieth century City Council entered upon its official career last evening under conditions that were most happy and auspicious, and for the two years to come the Republican party will have control of the legislative branch of the municipal government. Mr. Albert M. Sprosser was elected president of the First Branch, in which the Republicans now have eighteen of the twenty-four members. The time-honored inaugural scene—many flowers and finely dressed women with their escorts—was the feature of the session, from a spectacular point of view, and the scene has seldom, if ever, been surpassed. In the First Branch chamber the atmosphere was heavily laden with the perfume of every plant that blossoms at this season of the year. The designs were numerous and handsome. As usual, the horseshoe, the proverbial luck-giver, was on nearly every desk.

The branch was in session for exactly one hour, and the proceedings were remarkably smooth, all things being considered. Mr. John Stonewall Jackson Healy, chief clerk of the former branch, called the session to order at six minutes after 5 o'clock, and Mr. B. Frank Kelley, of the Eighteenth ward, was made temporary president on motion of Mr. James H. Marine. The next order of business was the appointment of a committee on credentials, composed of Messrs. E. Clay Timanus, James H. Marine and H. J. C. Hoffman, the latter a Democrat. After a ten-minute session the committee reported the credentials of the twenty-four councilmen who were elected on May 7 last as correct, the gentlemen all having the necessary property qualifications, and therefore, entitled to their seat. The report was accepted without an objection on motion of Mr. Sprosser.

Wagonloads of Flowers.

In the matter of flowers Councilman Hiram Watty, the colored member of the First Branch, carried off the honors. His constituents and friends sent two good-sized wagonloads of offerings of various designs. One was a big ship made of red and white carnations, with greens forming the masts and rigging. The tribute, which was from the Active Republican Club of the Seventeenth ward, occupied the whole of the large press table. It was the most prominent design in the chamber. It was called "Watty's Ship of State." The emblem sent a huge basket of flowers. Then there was a large horseshoe from the Citizens' Assembly of Maryland, a basket from the teachers in Colored School No. 11.

Ladies Day.

To-morrow is what is called ladies day at the Odd Fellows Lyceum. There is to be a special musical program. On the 17th day of June this year will close on which occasion here is to be another special program

GUEST OF ATTORNEY JONES.

A Distinguished Gathering at Murray's—A Fine Dinner—Happy Expressions

On Thursday afternoon Attorney Thomas L. Jones, one of the prominent members of the District bar tendered a dinner at Murray's Cafe, 1800, 14th, Street Northwest to Messrs C. F. Adams, Assistant Register of Treasurers, W. Calvin Chase, Recorder H. P. Cheatham and Ex. Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback. It was a gathering of the real representatives from the South. The Menu that was prepared by Mr. Murray was good. Precisely at five o'clock the invited guests were seated at the table which had been so beautifully decorated by the caterer.

The occasion was a complimentary dinner by Attorney Jones to the gentlemen named. And at the conclusion of the last course, toasts were responded to as follows:

The President of the United States, Recorder Cheatham. Mr. Cheatham said in part, that the negro race had no greater friend than President McKinley. No matter what his enemies may say, he has fully shown that he is the President of the entire country. The President doesn't believe in sectionalism and when the negro can learn how to be true to each other he will be a great factor in the American body politic.

Mr. Pinchback responded to the toast reconstruction. His address was most eloquently delivered. He reviewed the history of reconstruction and paid a handsome tribute to the republican party.

Mr. C. F. Adams, assistant register of the treasury, responded to toast, finance. Mr. Adams gave a history of finance. He showed how the republican party had won on account of its sound financial policy.

Mr. Chase responded to the press and our host. The host, Mr. Jones, made an eloquent and timely response. At 7 o'clock the company parted well pleased.

she Had No Objection.

Maud (to her friend)—A tramp came to our house and asked me if she had any objection to his eating a little snow out of the front yard, and that he was nearly famished, and ma said: "Certainly not; only to please to try and eat it off the walk as much as he possibly could, so as to save John shoveling."—Judge.

Too Much Restraint.

"Mamma," said five-year-old Willie, "may I go over to Tommy Jones' to play?"

"Why do you want to spend so much of your time at his home?" asked the mother.

"Cause his mother hasn't got any new carpets," replied Willie.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Spilling for a Fight.

Judge—This man says you assaulted him Pat. Did he tread on the tail of your coat?

Pat—No, yer honor.

Judge—Then what made you hit him?

Pat—Bekase he didn't trid on it, be jabers!—Leslie's Weekly.

The Autocrat.

"Of course I am master in my own house," said Mr. Meekton, a little indignantly.

"How do you manage it?"

"I tell Henrietta to do just what she pleases. And she goes ahead and does it.—Washington Star.

ECHOES OF A BUSY WORLD.

In boring for oil at Beaumont, Tex., it is reported that a vein of pure sulphur 70 feet thick was discovered.

The last pine grove in Allegany county, N. Y., consisting of 490 trees, has just been sold to a lumberman for \$7,500. Some of the trees are five feet in diameter and 300 years old.

The use of acetylene abroad is very much more general than it is in this country. As an instance the Holland Railway company is erecting at Amsterdam a factory for the production of carbide, their intention being to employ acetylene for car lighting.

Manchester, N. H., is to have what it is claimed will be the largest single mill building ever erected. It is nearly completed, and is 770 feet long, with two wings of 330 feet, all of an average width of 100 feet, and five stories in height, including basement.

A monster lathe has just been made in Philadelphia. It is 86 feet long and its total weight is 135 tons. It has been constructed for preparing the 32 huge granite pillars to be used in building a new cathedral, each pillar weighing 160 tons. It has eight cutters and the granite block is reduced 24 inches in diameter at one pass over its length.

ALL FACT, NO FICTION.

Texas is counting on having a bigger cotton crop in 1901 than it gathered in 1900. Its acreage for 1901 is 25 per cent. greater than that of 1900.

The manufacture of carbon for use in electric lighting and for other purposes has grown to be a great industry in the West Virginia gas belt.

There are no millionaires in Iceland. The people there are all poor, but there are no dependents and no paupers in the land. All are self-supporting. There is little or no crime in that land.

T. J. R. Faulkner, a civil engineer from the United States, has placed Monrovia, in Siberia, in telephonic communication with White Plains, a settlement 25 miles up the St. Paul's river. This is the longest line in the country.

The British museum has purchased for \$350 an elephant's tusk, which is said to be the largest ever known. Weight, 226½ pounds. Length—outside curve, ten feet two and one-half inches; inside curve, nine feet; base to point in straight line, eight feet two inches. Circumference—at hollow end, 24 inches; at solid, 24½ inches.

WITH THE MORNING'S MAIL.

The postage stamp sticks to one thing until it gets there.—Boston Budget.

Three hundred designs for a new issue of Swiss postage stamps have been submitted to the federal council, which has appointed a committee to determine the most suitable patterns.

The London general post office has been pulled down in order that its site may be occupied by a larger and more convenient building. The razed structure had been occupied since 1815.

The domestic rate of postage which has for years existed between the United States and Canada and the United States and Mexico, now also holds good between the United States and Cuba.

In Australia great delays in the transmission of the mail occur frequently because of the protracted drought to which that country is subject. During the dry season the dusty deserts of Queensland and other sections of the country are impassable, even for camels. The postal authorities are endeavoring to devise a method whereby the delays may be obviated.

An interesting part of the German parcels post department is the room where the packages sent by soldiers are received. Soldiers are allowed to send parcels at the low rate of 20 pfennigs (five cents) up to three kilograms (about six and a half pounds) weight, regardless of distance. During the last year 3,562,300 soldier packages, with a value of 712,560 marks, were sent.

MULTUM IN PARVO.

One hundred cod-livers yield one gallon of oil.

British railways carry 350,000 tons of fish in a year.

The United Kingdom has 850 blast furnaces, France 570.

Great Britain spent £1,600,000 on currants and raisins last year.

England beat Ireland, Wales, and Scotland at water polo last year.

Ten English houses hold, on an average, 54 people; 10 German, 80 people.

Prague holds the record in glove-making, exporting 5,000,000 pairs a year.

The biggest fresh-water lake in the world is Superior, equal in size to Ireland.

The deepest lake in Europe is Constance, 1,027 feet. It is equal in area to the Isle of Man.

Norwegians eat more potatoes than Irish people, the average being 500 pounds each a year.

There is a house in Lombard street, London, which rented at £25 in 1665, and now rents at £2,600.

No dyeing was done in England till the year 1608. Before that, dyed stuffs came from Holland.

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Minister Wu is of the opinion that the easiest way to keep his countrymen out of the United States is to impose an educational test on all Chinese who wish to land. He says that the Chinese to whom the exclusion act applies are exceedingly ignorant, being generally unable to read or write their own language, so that the means he suggests would put a stop to nearly all the smuggling of human contraband.

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Black velvet ribbon is wonderfully popular on all the millinery, and, as it is exceedingly becoming, women welcome the news gladly. Fashion is trying very hard to induce us to patronize the hat that bears a perfectly flat platelike crown, is tied at the back with a black velvet bow, and boasts as its only trimming a bandeau beneath the brim in the front made of flowers.

Tasseled bows of black velvet ribbon loops are another feature of dress decoration, and they seem to be used in various ways, as a finish at one side of the bodice, the collar and the belt, or ending rows of insertion on the skirt—for example, a pink muslin gown, striped vertically all around the skirt with black lace insertion, and at the end of each line, a little above the hem, is one of these loop bows.

We have become so accustomed to the large toque which turns back from the face that we greet these innovations with some doubt, and, indeed, they are not so universally becoming as our older friend; yet a very pretty girl will look well beneath the plate-shaped hat made of white ermine, with a bandeau of pink roses resting on her hair in the front and a bow of black ribbon straight across the back, these velvet ribbons being induced to give a somewhat wide effect.

IN JOHNNY BULL'S DOMAIN.

It is stated that three-fourths of the Irish members of parliament are teetotalers.

London covers 75,000 acres, Leeds is next with 21,000, and Sheffield third with 9,650.

England imports 420 pounds of grain a year for each inhabitant of the country.

Within six years the New Zealand government has bought back of the original settlers 324,167 acres of land used for sheep runs and 1,630 families have found homes on them.

The movement for securing better cottage accommodation for the laborers in Ireland is alleged to be creating ill-feeling on the part of the farmers in the south of Ireland.

Glasgow's population is 760,329, an increase in ten years of 142,277, a growth comparing favorably with that of American cities. In 1801 Glasgow contained 77,385 inhabitants.

India and Ceylon have competed so successfully with China in the production of tea that, whereas in 1880 2,100,000 hundredweight of the leaf were exported from China, only 1,631,000 hundredweight left the country in 1899.

Tramps in England are fast growing fewer. In one county there were about half as many tramps last year as there were four years ago, and in another county there were not one-third as many. Enlistments for the army and navy are considered the cause of the decrease.

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